

Amos F. Longoria was assigned to the 30th Infantry, 3d Division, and soon saw combat in the Italian campaign. Military history records that some of the hardest and most hazardous fighting in World War II was in the Italian campaign. On a more personal note, my father, Frank M. Tejeda, Sr. and his close friend George Longoria, honorably served our country in the Italian campaign and were both seriously wounded in Italy in November of 1943.

Less than 6 months after joining the military, Amos was lightly wounded in combat, but returned to duty shortly thereafter. A few days later, only 2 months into his 19th year of life, on November 13, 1943, Amos was mortally wounded at the famous Crossing of the Rapido River in Italy. Amos F. Longoria died in an army hospital in Italy on November 19, 1943.

A Biblical verse, John 15: 9–13, states, "My commandment is this: Love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them."

Private Amos F. Longoria is among the many persons who have shown their greatest love for country and friends. He is part of that great tradition of service to country, even to the point of giving up one's life for our country.

I could not think of a more appropriate honor for the town of Elmendorf and for the Longoria family than the designation of the United States Post Office at 7980 FM 327 in Elmendorf, TX as the "Amos F. Longoria Post Office Building." This designation will commemorate the service and sacrifice of Pvt. Amos F. Longoria and will further serve to remind all that the price of freedom can never be taken for granted.

I would like to urge my colleagues to support the noble effort of Elmendorf's citizens to honor one of its native sons. I commend the citizens of Elmendorf for their thoughtfulness on this project, and I look forward to visiting the Amos F. Longoria Post Office many times in the future.

CONNECTICUT HOSPICE HONORED ON 21ST ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, December 2, the Connecticut Hospice will celebrate its 21st anniversary with a holiday celebration, "Lumieres de Noel." It is with great pleasure that I rise today to salute this wonderful organization, and to thank all of its supporters for brightening the lives of terminally ill patients and their families.

Twenty-one years ago, the Connecticut Hospice pioneered a new approach for treating terminally ill patients by addressing their emotional and spiritual needs in addition to their physical ones. The individuals who began the Connecticut Hospice understood the need for patients to be cared for in a familiar, comforting environment, surrounded by their loved ones. Their work helped to transform how our society handles terminal illness and brought dignity and comfort to those in the last stages of life.

Under the leadership of the Connecticut Hospice, the hospice movement has brought the science of comfort and the art of caring to

a new level, providing release from pain to ensure quality of life. Families are both recipients and partners in high-touch care, while hospice staff are the givers of high-technology care. Physicians, nurses, social workers, pastors, pharmacists, dieticians, and artists combine their competence with compassion to make life full and meaningful.

The John D. Thompson Hospice Institute for Education, Training, and Research, an affiliate of the Connecticut Hospice, Inc., enables hospice expertise and information to be shared with health care institutions throughout the world. Through the institute, medical students and other health care personnel are educated in all aspects of hospice care. The institute also provides the means to conduct in-depth research, allowing the Connecticut Hospice to benefit from the latest in health care technology and to be able to upgrade constantly the standards of patient care.

As the JDT Institute and the Connecticut Hospice carry their 21 years of experience into the 21st century, they are able to reach the Nation and the world. This year, "hospice.com" was established as a home page on the World Wide Web. Requests for information have been received from all over the United States, from Japan, Malaysia, and countries in Africa, widening the circle of the hospice community.

I congratulate the Connecticut Hospice for inspiring a nation, for what it has done for America, and for what it can do for the world. I urge all communities around the Nation to support hospice care in every way possible.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it has been brought to my attention that I am not recorded as having voted on rollcall No. 762, a motion to instruct House conferees on the conference report on H.R. 2099, the VA–HUD–independent agencies appropriations bill for fiscal year 1996.

Moments before, I voted to order the previous question. I should have been recorded as voting "yes" on the motion to instruct, because I am opposed to the 17 riders restricting EPA's regulatory power and ability to enforce numerous air and water pollution regulations.

ROMANIAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. FLOYD SPENCE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a few moments to talk about Romania on the occasion of its National Day on December 1.

As it celebrates its fifth National Day after its defeat of communism, Romania remains committed to joining the West as a modern democratic state.

Romania demonstrated its early desire to join the West by being the first Central European nation to join the Partnership for Peace

[PFP], officially joining the program on January 26, 1994. Since then, Romania has had far more bilateral military exchanges with the United States than any other PFP nation. Likewise, the United States commitment to joint training with Romania's Armed Forces has grown in size and complexity. Romanian troops have participated in NATO exercises in Europe and in the United States, most recently in Fort Polk, LA.

Since emerging from a Communist dictatorship in 1990, Romania has demonstrated in significant ways its commitment to becoming a strong ally of the United States. The Romania–United States military-to-military cooperation program is one of the strongest in central Europe.

In 1990, Romania chaired the United Nations Security Council during the debate over the invasion of Kuwait. In that capacity, Romania helped lead efforts to authorize military intervention and impose economic sanctions against Iraq—despite costing its developing economy billions of dollars. Furthermore, Romania sent a military medical unit to Kuwait as a part of Operation Desert Storm and a medical battalion to Somalia in concert with the United States-led peacekeeping mission there. More recently, Romania has been at the forefront of support to peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia by offering logistical support to NATO forces.

Mr. Speaker, the fall of the Iron Curtain has brought great promise to the people of Central and Eastern Europe while posing great challenges to the governments of these once Communist countries. On the occasion of its National Day, I congratulate Romania for its accomplishments over the short 5 years since its democratization began and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Romania well as it continues to meet its political, military, and economic challenges.

IN HONOR OF LAMBDA THETA PHI, AN OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lambda Theta Phi, service social fraternity emphasizing Latin unity and the celebration of Latin culture. It will be celebrating its 20th anniversary at a dinner on December 2.

In 1975 at Kean College of New Jersey, 10 students founded the first and only nationally recognized Latino Greek letter fraternity, Lambda Theta Phi. Gus Garcia, a founding member, served as the fraternity's first president. As the first national Latin fraternity, it was created in the image of great Latin thinkers, such as Jose Marti, Simon Bolivar, and El Cid.

In addition to active chapters in New Jersey, Pennsylvania Connecticut, and Florida, the fraternity has chapters at Saint Peter's College and Stevens Institute of Technology in my district.

The fraternity's goals are to promote scholarship, Latin unity, respect for all cultures and brotherhood. Although the fraternity is only 20 years old, it represents 500 years of culture. I am privileged to be an honorary member of the fraternity. Although the fraternity was created at a time when there was disunity among